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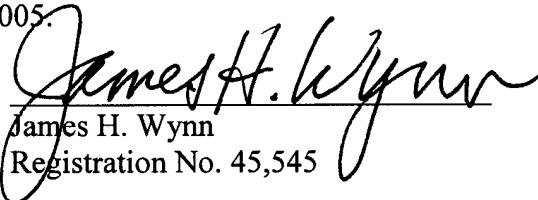
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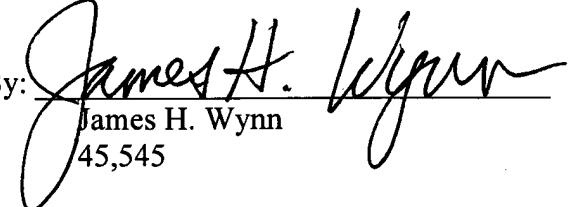
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action with a mailing date of March 22, 2005 issuing a restriction as between claims 1-198 and claims 199-216, the Applicant elects to proceed with examination of claims 1-198.

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